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### **Former Executive Director of the Suffolk Shelter for the Homeless Pleads Guilty**

(Norfolk, VA) – Terry Lynn Miller, age 48, of Suffolk, Virginia, waived indictment and pleaded guilty to a single count criminal information charging her with theft of federal program funds. The maximum penalty for this offense is 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.00. Miller is scheduled to be sentenced on September 6, 2006.

Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, joined by Colonel W. Steven Flaherty, Superintendent, Virginia State Police and Special Agent-in-Charge Joseph Clarke, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Inspector General, Mid-Atlantic Region, announced the guilty plea today after United States District Court Judge Raymond A. Jackson accepted the plea.

As part of her plea, Miller acknowledged that between January 2004 and May 2005, she used the funds and credit of the Suffolk Shelter for the Homeless to obtain items to which she was not entitled. While Executive Director of the shelter, she used shelter funds and credit to obtain items valued at \$6,731.33 for personal use. In addition, during the same period, she used shelter funds to make payments to another person purporting to be wages in the amount of \$17,238.03. The total loss to the shelter was \$23,969.36.

The Suffolk Shelter for the Homeless is a recipient of Emergency Shelter Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is a 36-bed facility that provides temporary and/or emergency shelter for the homeless.

This case was investigated by agents of the Virginia State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Inspector General. Assistant United States Attorney Alan M. Salsbury is prosecuting the case.

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